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1. I HAD OPPORTUNITY DISCUSS RESULTS OF LONDON CONSTITUTIONAL CONFERENCE ON TAVALU INDEPENDENCE WITH HENRY NAISALA, FORMER FINANCE SECRETARY AND DELEGATION MEMBER, ENROUTE TUVALU FROM SUVA. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION, NAISALA SAID HE ANDDELEGATION VERY WELL SATISFIED WITH OUTCOME,AND THAT FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS BETTER THAN EXPECTED. OCTOBER, 1978, INDEPENDENCE DATE REMAINS FIRM.

2. TWO MAIN ISSUES, CITIZENSHIP AND ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE, RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS, ACCORDING NAISALA:

A. ALL PERSONS NOW PERMANENTLY RESIDENT IN TUVALU WILL AUTOMATICALLY ACQUIRE CITIZENSHIP ON DAY OF INDEPENDENCE, REGARDLESS OF LENGTH OF FAMILY TIES IN COUNTRY. OVERSEAS TUVALUANS  
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ACQUIRE CITIZENSHIP IF BOTH PARENTS CITIZENS. OTHERS MAY APPLY FOR NATURALIZATION.

B. NAISALA'S VERSION OF ECONOMIC ARRANGEMENTS DIFFERS SOMEWHAT FROM REF. A, BUT ELEMENTS SIMILAR. A\$4.5 MILLION TO BE PROVIDED FOR GENERAL DEVELOPMENT OVER TWO YEARS, A\$4.5 MILLION AVAILABLE FOR SPECIAL DEVELOPMENT IN OUTER ISLANDS. POSITION TO BE REVIEWED

IF FUNDS UNSPENT AT END OF 1980. UK WILL FUND TECHNICAL PLANNING ASSISTANCE. A\$1.7 MILLION TO BE PROVIDED AS BUDGET SUPPORT OVER FIRST TWO YEARS VS. A\$600,000 NOW GIVEN ANNUALLY. UK ALSO UNDERTOOK FUNDING OF OPERATING EXPENSES OF ONE-PLANE AIRLINE USING LIGHT AMPHIBIOUS CRAFT. REVIEW AT END OF TWO YEARS TO ASSESS RELATIVE MERITS OF TRANSPORT MIX OF ONE PLANE AND TWO SHIPS, VERSUS TWO PLANES AND ONE SHIP FOR INTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS.

3 THERE IS NO PROSPECT THAT TUVALU (7,000 POP.) WILL EVER BE SELF-SUPPORTING. TINY COUNTRY CAN ONLY BE PERMANENT WARD OF UNDP, EEC/ACP, AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND, UK.  
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